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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

[0011] As described above, conventional systems typically employ both a power-on indicator and a HDD indicator both located on the front panel as illustrated in exemplary scenario 100 shown in FIG. 1. Therein, a front panel of conventional computer system 110 is shown with a typical collection of peripherals and attendant indicators. For example, conventional computer system 110 may be equipped with optical drive 111, HDD 112 with activity indicator 112(a), power on switch 113 and power on indicator 113(a), and HDD indicator 114. It should be noted that while HDD 112 is shown with an integrated activity indicator 112(a) visible from the front panel, modern practice is to locate HDD 112 within the confines of an enclosure such that HDD indicator 112(a) would not be visible. Such remote location of HDD 112 was the primary motivation to provide computer system 110 with a front panel indication of HDD activity, for example, through HDD indicator 114. Such a placement however, as described, requires the use of at least an additional LED and conductor as shown in FIG. 1B. ~~through 6 illustrate display assemblies employing a~~